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Use Property Or Sell It

The expressions of public bodies concerning both the fishmarket and Queen Emma properties appear to be so strongly in favor of their being retained by the government as to settle the matter. If there is any sentiment in favor of either sale it is so feeble that it scarcely makes itself heard. However, it must be said that discussion of both matters should go farther than merely deciding whether to sell or not. Several years ago there was a good offer in prospect for the Queen Emma property. In the view of evident public objections to the sale, the property was held. But what has been done with it since? Much discussion there was of a park and it was pointed out that the historical associations and natural advantages of the land made it extremely desirable as a public reservation. Then the subject was dropped, only to come up again when there is another offer to buy. This is a sort of dog-in-the-manger attitude. If the public will not take the matter up and improve and make use of the property, private parties should be allowed to do so. The fishmarket has been idle long enough and no one seemed to bother about it. But when a corporation offers to buy it, there is a quick awakening and the people are apparently almost unanimous in the opinion that it should be kept for public use. It is certainly to be hoped that both in this case and in the case of the Queen Emma property, after stopping the sales, public discussion will go into the matter of using the property.

Fighting For Immigrants

The state of Louisiana is making a contest over an opinion of the attorney general which will be watched with interest in Hawaii. The opinion in question refuses admission to an alien whom the state, in advance, was promising employment and the contest is expected to settle in the Supreme Court of the United States, whether a state may assist immigration. Attorney General Bonaparte holds that a State has no more right to do so than an individual. If Louisiana succeeds in setting aside this ruling, she will open the way for Hawaii and other communities to secure desirable immigrants under proper conditions.

There is one argument which it would see mought to appeal to Congress, if not applicable in the courts, in favor of allowing such assistance. It is found in the fact that immigrants assisted are likely to be of a desirable class, and will land at their port of arrival with a definite destination and employment in sight. A state or territory spending money to secure settlers will see that those on whom the money is spent are worth it to the country. It must be recognized that under the system so long enforced, thousands of immigrants of whom this cannot be said are landed daily at New York. Possibly a better class of arrivals might be obtained by a reversal of the rule, and allowing only those to land who have employment in sight. Under the present laws it is presumed that no paupers come in, and a majority of those who come are undoubtedly laborers who have been industrious and provident enough to save the cost of the journey and enough money to land with. Anyone knows, however, that the system does not keep out many undesirables. Probably no system would, but it is hard to see why, as long as the demand for labor is so general, harm is done by allowing states to offer employment in advance, or even to assist such aliens as are considered worth spending money to get.

Hearst Having Hard Work

Hearst's Independence League, with which his supporters have been hoping to see him break up the Democratic national organization and lead a new party as candidate for president, appears to be a hopeless fizzle in Massachusetts, more of a fizzle, in fact, than the its bitterest opponents could have hoped for. The Republican Standard gives the following figures: "In Springfield, the home of the league's candidate for governor, only 26 persons appeared at the caucuses, while in Boston it polled only 83 votes as against nearly 11,000 Republicans and 34,000 Democrats. If the citizens of Massachusetts are wildly excited over the new party, they are taking a languid way of showing their interest. The fair presumption is that they care very little about it. A reasonable deduction from the figures is that it is difficult, if not impossible, to organize a political party around the personality of one man, even if he is rich and equipped with a chain of cheap and sensational newspapers."

Probably Hearst has much the same complaint as Bryan,—that Roosevelt has stolen a lot of his thunder,—and probably, like Bryan as described by the cable today, he would like to see whom the Republicans nominate before deciding whether it is worth while to run or not.

Any man who has a cure for leprosy and keeps it secret, is too cold blooded for this world.

The city of Washington is going to be a prohibition city before the next session of Congress ends, unless all signs fail. But of course there are many patches of foreign territory within the confines of the national capital.

The panic began just as Roosevelt emerged from the canebrake.

Mid the discussion about whether the W. C. T. U. drinking fountain should be used or not, Miss Annie Marie Prescott arises to remark that she is pleased that there is so much interest in water as a drink.

Tales Worth Telling

THE REFORM COURTEOUS.

Paul Morton, the president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was talking on La Savole about the London cabby.

"A hansom or a four-wheeled is supposed to be cheap in London," Mr. Morton said, "but let the average American tourist go driving about to one of them day after day, and at the week's end the size of his expenditure will shock him."

"Of course it is impossible to ride in a London cab and pay only the legal fare of a shilling for two miles. Try cab riding without liberal tipplings, and the cabman will assail you with the most brilliant and witty sarcasm."

"I know a lawyer who, through ignorance rode from the British museum to the Ritz hotel, in Piccadilly, and only gave the driver the shilling required by law."

"The driver looked at this shilling and bit his lip. Then, in the most courteous manner, he motioned to the lawyer to get in again."

"Go on," he said. "Do step in again, sir. I could ha' drew ye a yard or two further, for this 'ere."

ONE KIND OF LOVE.

Health Commissioner Darlington, of New York, says it is a crime to keep a dog in a city.

"Aside from the cruelty to the neighbors through the dog's howls, said the commissioner, 'there is the cruelty to the dog itself to be considered, dogs having been made for an open-air, active, country life.'

"These city dog owners profess to love their pets. It seems to me that their love is about as selfish and forgetful as that of the young Brooklyn plumber."

"A young Brooklyn plumber went to Shawnee last month to spend his vacation with his sweetheart."

"One lovely morning as the two were strolling in a green and perfumed meadow, a bull appeared."

"The bull studied the intruders. His head lowered, he pawed the turf. Then all of a sudden, he rushed upon them at a thundering gallop."

"Oh," cried the young woman, "Oh, he's coming straight for us! What shall we do?"

"Here," shouted the plumber, 'don't stand there doing nothing. Come and help me climb this tree.'"

OUT OF BABES' MOUTHS.

Dr. Gerrit J. Kollen, the president of Hope College, at a dinner in Holland, Mich., recounted some quaint juvenile definitions.

"They are definitions," said Dr. Kollen, "given by little children in examinations. Some of them, I think, are rather good. Some show unconscious, some intended humor."

And with that preface he began: "Perspiration—When the heat makes your body cry all over."

"Pan—A thing to brush the warm off with."

"Monkey—A little boy with a tail."

"Clear soup—A quart of water boiled down to a pint to make it strong."

"A ballet girl—A lace parasol, with two pink handles."

SUBTLE FLATTERY.

Mrs. I. L. Rice, the president of the New York Society for the Suppression of Unnecessary Noise, was complimented, on the liner Adriatic, on the work her society has accomplished.

"Ah," said Mrs. Rice, "I fear you flatter me. But little work has been accomplished in comparison with the work contemplated. You flatter our poor little bit of work. It is the case all over again of the landed proprietor and the lake."

"This landed proprietor was showing a guest over his domain. Everything was fine except the lake. It, indeed, was very small. The guest laughed at it."

"Ha, ha, ha!" he cried. "Call that a lake? Nonsense. Ha, ha, ha!"

"Nevertheless," said the host, somewhat haughtily, "a man drowned himself in this lake last year."

"The guest laughed again."

"Oh, ho!" he said; "he must have done that just to flatter you, then."

PLAN A "DRY WASHINGTON."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—"Dry Washington" is now the plan of the Anti-Saloon League. People of Washington have just become aware of the project and are aghast at the probability the abolition of the canteen from the army and the driving of the saloons from the Capitol are recalled.

A prohibition bill would have been reported from the Committee on Alcoholic Liquor Traffic last winter but for the firmness of Speaker Cannon. But now the Prohibitionists have things in such shape that the Speaker cannot hope to be successful again with such tactics. The Anti-Saloon League has got things so that it can threaten political death to the member whose activity blocks the path of the bill.

It is believed that President Roosevelt would veto a plain prohibition bill, while he probably would sign an appropriation bill on which there was a prohibition rider. It is in the form of a rider to an appropriation bill that the matter is likely to come before him.

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